

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the (X) utility, () design, () plant patent application of:

Inventor(s): Matthew J. BLACKFORD; Wayne L. OLSON

For: **RATCHETING ANCHORAGE DEVICE**

Enclosed are:

(X) 13 page(s) of specification (X) 4 page(s) of claims

(X) 1 page(s) Abstract (X) Unexecuted Declaration/Power of Attorney

(X) 13 sheet(s) of (X) formal () informal drawings

() An assignment of the application to _____

() Preliminary Amendment

() Information Disclosure Statement

() Associate Power of Attorney

() Applicant is entitled to small entity status

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED					
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		AMOUNT
			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	
Basic Fee Utility	XXXXX	XXXXX	\$770.00	\$385.00	\$
Design	XXXXX	XXXXX	\$340.00	\$170.00	
Plant	XXXXX	XXXXX	\$530.00	\$265.00	
Total Claims	22 - 20 =	2	x \$18.00	x \$9.00	
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$ 86.00	x \$43.00	
Multiple Dependency			\$290.00	\$145.00	
Late Fee Surcharge			\$130.00	\$65.00	
Non-English Language Fee			\$130.00	\$130.00	
Assignment Recording Fee			\$40.00	\$40.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$

No.

- () A check/ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- () Please charge Dep. Account No.____ in the amount of \$_____.
- (X) This application is filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53, and does not include:
- (X) Executed Declaration
- (X) Filing Fee
- () The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- () Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- () Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- () The Issue Fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).
- () Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following:

Serial No.	Date Filed	Country
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- () Certified copy (copies) enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Payton R. Hume *Ry No 26600*
FOR
Robin A. Sannes

Date: January 27, 2004

IPLM GROUP, P.A.
Broadway Place West, Suite 6600
1300 Godward Street NE
Minneapolis, MN 55413-1741
(612) 331-7400